(b) what percentage of the budgetary allocation of the Ministry goes directly to the Panchayats; and

(c) what is the quantum of money allocated to Madhya Pradesh for 1999-2000 for rural development?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUDNER LAL PATWA): (a) to (c) Article 243G of the Constitution of India provides for the Legislature of a State to endow the Panchayats with such powers and authority as may be necessary to enable them to function as institution of Self Government and for devolution of powers and responsibilities upon Panchayats with respect to the preparation and implementation of plans for economic development and social justice. In keeping with the spirit of democratic decentralization, the Panchayati Raj Institutions have been designated as the implementing agency for rural development schemes. The implementation of rural development schemes through Panchayat is expected to encourage people's participation, implementation and review as per local need and expectation and to ensure transparency and act as a check on misutilisation of funds.

As per the current guidelines, almost 100% of funds for Employmment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) would go to Panchayati Raj Institutions. In percentage terms, it works out to 37.42 per cent of the total budgetary allocation of the Ministry.

An amount of Rs. 76477.75 lakh has been allocated to Madhya Pradesh is 1999-2000 as central share for rural development.

Criminal intelligence cell of CBI

*158. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) to what exent the Criminal Intelligence Cell set up by the Central Bureau of Investigation to collate and disseminate intelligence at the national level on professional gangs of criminals, has achieved success in nabbing the criminals;

(b) the number of professional gangs of criminals nabbed since the setting up of the special cell; and

(c) the details of activities of the criminal gangs nabbed by the Cell?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) Pursuant to the Delhi High Court's orders dated 11.5.1999 directing the Central Bureau of Investigation to set up a computerisation data bank in regard to criminal gangs involved in kidnappings, a Cell, known as the Criminal Intelligence Cell, was constituted on 24.8.1999. All the Chief Secretaries of State Governments/UT Adminstrations and the Director Generals of Police have been requested to send relevant information relating to criminal gangs involved in kidnappings, etc. to the Central Bureau of Investigation. According to CBI information has started flowing in. The Central Bureau of Investigation has also started sharing information with the State Police Forces.

Dues of Coal Industry against SEBS

†*159. SHRI BARJINDER SINGH HAMDARD:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large amount is to be paid by different State Electricity Boards to coal industry on account of coal supply;

(b) if so, details of amount pending against each of the Electricity Board;

(c) since when this amount is due;

(d) whether it is also a fact that as a result of non-recovery of dues amount, Coal producing units are being compelled to minimise or stop their production; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND MINERALS (SHRI NAVEEN PATNAIK): (a) to (c) The details of coal sale dues of Coal India Limited (CIL) against various State Electricity Boards and other power companies as on 31.10.99 is given in the statement. (*See* below)

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.